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§ 5.2 Public reading rooms.

(a) Records that are required to be maintained by the Department in a public reading room will be made available electronically at www.dhs.gov/foia. Each Department component will be responsible for determining which of the records it generates are required to be made available and to make those records available either in its own reading room or in the Department's central reading room. Each component shall maintain and make available for public inspection and copying a current subject-matter index of its reading room records. Each index shall be updated regularly, at least quarterly, with respect to newly included records.

(b) The Department components maintain public reading rooms or areas at the locations listed below:

(1) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Library, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737-1232;

(2) Plum Island Animal Disease Center, the APHIS address above or, USDA-ARS, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Building 1, Room 2248, Beltsville, MD 20705-5128;

(3) Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office (A former office of the Bureau of Industry and Security) does not maintain a conventional public reading room. Records that are required to be in the public reading room are available electronically at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/FOIA/Default.htm>;

(4) FIRESTAT (formerly the Integrated Hazard Information System of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), NOAA Public Reference Facility, 1305 East-West Highway (SSMC4), Room 8627, Silver Spring, MD 20910;

(5) National Communication Service (a former component of the Defense Information Systems Agency) does not maintain a conventional public reading room. Records that are required to be in the public reading room are available electronically at <http://disa.mil/gc/foia/foia.html>;

(6) The address for each component and program listed below is: U.S. Department of Energy; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585:

(i) Energy Assurance Office;

(ii) Environmental Measurements Laboratory;

(iii) Nuclear Incident Response Team;

(iv) The chemical and biological national security and supporting programs and activities of the non-proliferation and verification research and development program;

(v) The life sciences activities related to microbial pathogens of Biological and Environmental Research Program;

(vi) The nuclear smuggling programs and activities within the proliferation detection program of the non-proliferation and verification research and development program;

(vii) The nuclear assessment program and activities of the assessment, detection, and cooperation program of the international materials protection and cooperation program, and the advanced scientific computing research program and activities at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and

(viii) The National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center;

(7) The address for each component and program listed below is: Freedom of Information Act Officer at: Department of Health and Human Services, Freedom of Information Officer, Room 645-F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201:

(i) Metropolitan Medical Response System;

(ii) National Disaster Medical System;

(8) Office of Emergency Preparedness please contact the Strategic National Stockpile Centers for Disease Control and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Room 4103, Building 1, Atlanta, GA 30333;

(9) Immigration and Naturalization Service, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 2nd Floor, ULLICO Building, Washington, DC 20536;

(10) For the National Infrastructure Protection Center, the National Domestic Preparedness Office, and the Domestic Emergency Support Team: Federal Bureau of Investigation, 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20535-0001;

(11) Office of Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of

Justice Programs, 810 7th Street, NW., Room 5430, Washington, DC 20531;

(12) Visa Office, Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520;

(13) Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591;

(14) Transportation Security Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590;

(15) United States Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 (for district offices, consult your phone book);

(16) The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center does not maintain a conventional public reading room. Records that are required to be in the public reading room are available electronically at <http://www.fletc.gov/irm/foia/readingroom.htm>;

(17) U.S. Customs Service, Freedom of Information Request, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Mint Annex, Washington, DC 20229-0001 (for a list of field office reading room locations please consult 19 CFR 103.1);

(18) U.S. Secret Service, Main Treasury, Freedom of Information Request, 950 H Street, NW., Suite 3000, Washington, DC;

(19) Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Center Plaza, 500 C Street, SW., Room 840, Washington, DC 20472 (for regional offices, consult your phone book);

(20) For the Federal Computer Incident Response Center and the Federal Protective Service: Central Office, GSA Headquarters, 1800 F Street, NW (CAD), Washington, DC 20405 (for regional offices, consult the phone book);

(c) Components shall also make reading room records created by the Department on or after November 1, 1996, available electronically via the component web-site. This includes each component's index of its reading room records, which will indicate which records are available electronically.

§ 5.3 Requirements for making requests.

(a) *How made and addressed.* You may make a request for records of the Department by writing directly to the Department component that maintains those records. For additional informa-

tion about the FOIA, you may refer directly to the statute. If you are making a request for records about yourself, see § 5.21(d) for additional requirements. If you are making a request for records about another individual, either a written authorization signed by that individual permitting disclosure of those records to you or proof that that individual is deceased (for example, a copy of a death certificate or an obituary) must be submitted. Your request should be sent to the component's FOIA office at the address listed in appendix A to part 5. In most cases, your FOIA request should be sent to a component's central FOIA office. (The functions of each component are summarized elsewhere in this title and in the description of the Department and its components in the "United States Government Manual," which is issued annually and is available in most libraries, as well as for sale from the Government Printing Office's Superintendent of Documents. This manual also can be accessed electronically at the Government Printing Office's World Wide Web site (which can be found at http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs.) If you cannot determine where within the Department to send your request, you may send it to the Departmental Disclosure Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528. That office will forward your request to the component(s) it believes most likely to have the records that you want. Your request will be considered received as of the date it is received by the proper component's FOIA office. For the quickest possible handling, you should mark both your request letter and the envelope "Freedom of Information Act Request."

(b) *Description of records sought.* You must describe the records that you seek in enough detail to enable Department personnel to locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, your request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipient, and subject matter of the record. If known, you should include any file designations or descriptions for the records that you want. As a general rule, the more specific you